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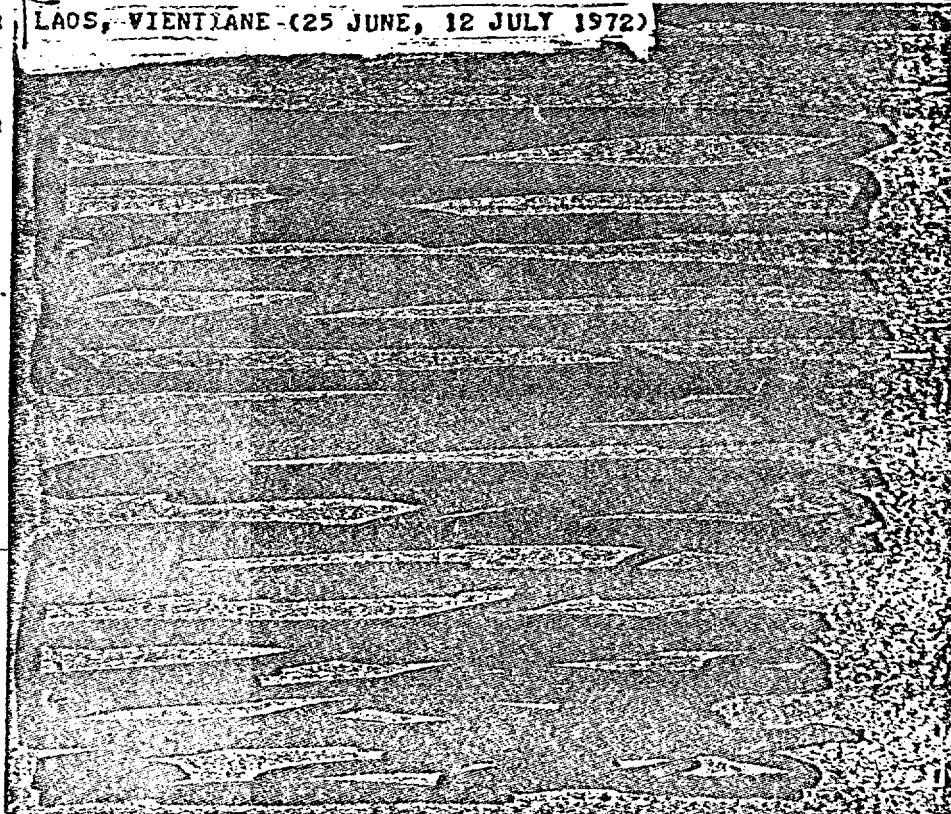
COUNTRY : LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM

DOI : JULY 1966 - NOVEMBER 1967

SUBJECT : 1. SIGHTING OF 10 U.S. POW'S ON THE PAUL DOUMER
BRIDGE IN HANOI IN NOVEMBER 1967
* 2. SIGHTING OF DEAD U.S. PILOT IN THE SAM NEUA AREA
OF LAOS IN JULY 1966

ACQ : LAOS, VIENTIANE (25 JUNE, 12 JULY 1972)

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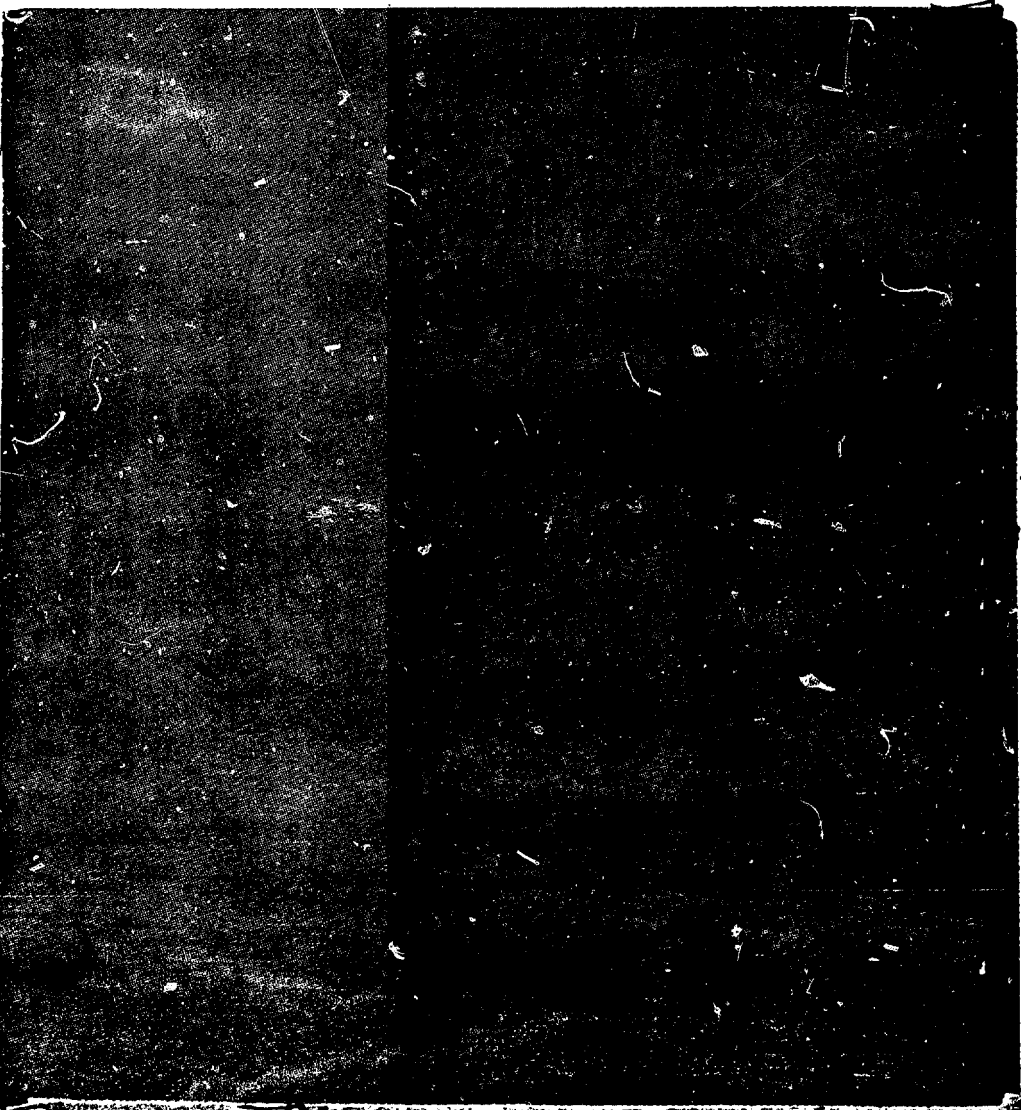
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1. IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1967 WHILE TRAVELLING THROUGH HANOI WITH A GROUP OF MEN AFTER ATTENDING A MILITARY TRAINING COURSE IN SON TAY, NORTH VIETNAM, [REDACTED] OBSERVED 10 MEN, SOME OF WHOM WERE STANDING AND OTHERS SITTING ON THE WESTERN END OF THE PAUL DOUMER BRIDGE AT WJ 89132658. TWO POLICEMEN GUARDED THE MEN, AND A THIRD POLICEMAN TOLD [REDACTED] THAT THE MEN WERE U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) REPAIRING THE BRIDGE. FROM WJ 88982652 [REDACTED] OBSERVED THE POW'S FOR ALMOST 30 MINUTES AND DID NOT SEE THEM DO ANY WORK. HE REMARKED THAT IT APPEARED MORE LIKE "TAKING IN FRESH AIR". ANOTHER MEMBER OF HIS GROUP ASKED THEIR NORTH VIETNAMESE GUIDE WHILE AT WJ 88852646, ALSO AT THE WESTERN END OF THE BRIDGE, WHERE THE U.S. POW CAMP WAS LOCATED. THE GUIDE ANSWERED BY POINTING TO THE SOUTHEAST.

2. IN MID-JULY 1966 [REDACTED] A GROUP OF [REDACTED] STUDENTS FROM THE SAMAKKY SCHOOL NEAR MUONG LIET (VH 1163) IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE, LAOS, [REDACTED] WAS TAKEN TO VIEW THE BODY OF A U.S. PILOT WHOSE AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN BY ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY (AAA) FIRE. THE BODY WAS LYING ABOUT 50 METERS SOUTHWEST OF A BRIDGE ON ROUTE 65 AT VH 1859, ABOUT 17 KILOMETERS EAST OF SAM NEUA TOWN (VH 0157). THE PILOT WAS ABOUT 23 YEARS OLD, HAD A BIG BUILD, A SHORT NOSE, NEATLY TRIMMED RED HAIR, AND WORE GRAY TROUSERS AND A WHITE T SHIRT. ON THE BACK OF THE T-SHIRT WAS PRINTED "U.S. 2" FOLLOWED BY NUMBERS OR LETTERS THAT COULD NOT BE READ. THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT WAS ABOUT 200 METERS SOUTHWEST OF THE PILOT'S BODY. ONLY THE WINGS AND TAIL OF THE TWIN ENGINE PLANE REMAINED AS THE FUSELAGE WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

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THE WINGS AND TAIL WERE SILVER COLOR AND UNPAINTED. LATER, THE STUDENTS VISITED THE NEO LAO HAK SAT (NLHS) POLITICAL OFFICE AND WERE TOLD BY THE CHIEF OF THE SUPREME HEADQUARTERS POLITICAL SECTION, S I S A' V A T, AND THE 75TH PATHET LAO BATTALION POLITICAL OFFICER, MAJOR B U N N A K, THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY AAA FIRE IN THE BAN NAKAY NEUA (VH 1957) AREA. THEY DESCRIBED THE AIRCRAFT AS A D-6 (SIC). [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER HAS NO RECORD OF AIRCREWMEN LOST IN THE SAM NEUA AREA IN MID-JULY 1966.)



4. FIELD DISSEM: EMBASSY, ARMATT, AIRATT AT VIENTIANE:
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